WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A video information generating apparatus comprising:

a charge processor unit;

a camera operable in condition that an appropriate fee

5   has been paid for creating video bitstream; and

a processor unit for adding a copy protection code

corresponding to the paid fee to the video bitstream created

by said camera to output.

2. A video information generating apparatus comprising:

10   means for creating video bitstream operable in condition

that the appropriate fee has been paid or will be positively

paid as soon as possible; and

means for creating output of a copy protection code

corresponding to the paid fee together with said video

15   bitstream.

3. A video information generating apparatus comprising:

a communication interface connectable to an external

terminal;

a charge processor unit;

20   a camera for creating output of video bitstream by video

recording for a predetermined period of time in response to the

start recording instruction from a user in condition that the

appropriate fee has been paid to said charge processor;

display for displaying the recorded video bitstream; and

25   means for feeding to said external terminal device through

said interface said video bitstream added to the copy protection code in correspondence with the amount paid in response to the instruction of the user indicating that the video displayed is acceptable.

5   4. A video information generating apparatus according to claim 3, further comprising:

charge display for displaying the number of copies allowed of the video recording and the fee corresponding thereto.

5. A video information generating apparatus according 10   to claim 3, further comprising:

means for selecting a background;

synthesizer for synthesizing said video recorded bitstream with a selected background.

6. A video information generating apparatus according 15   to claim 3, wherein:

audio bitstream is obtained along with said camera to feed the audio stream to said external device along with said video bitstream.

7. A video information generating apparatus, 20   comprising:

camera means for video recording for a predetermined period of time to creating a video bitstream in response to a start recording instruction from a user in condition that the corresponding fee is paid or positively charged;

25   means for generating an ID uniquely identifying said video

for each of recorded video; and

transmitter means for transmitting said ID to a terminal and for transmitting said ID and said video recorded bitstream to a server.

5   8. A video information generating apparatus according to claim 7, wherein:

a copy protection code corresponding to the amount paid is incorporated in said ID.

9. A video information generating apparatus, 10 comprising:

a communication interface connectable to a server;

a charge processor unit;

camera means responsive to a start recording instruction from a user in condition that a fee is deposited to said charge 15 processor for creating output of video recording for a predetermined period of time;

display means for displaying said recorded video bitstream;

means for feeding to said server through said interface 20 said video bitstream added to the copy protection code in correspondence with the amount paid in response to the instruction of the user indicating that the video displayed is acceptable.

10. A multimedia communication terminal apparatus, 25 comprising:

a storage device for storing video forwarded from outside;

a storage unit for storing the copy protection code of said video bitstream forwarded from outside;

transmitter means for transmitting the video stored in

5   said storage device; and

controller means for allowing the transmission of said video by said transmitter means until the number of times of transmissions reaches to the value of said copy protection code, and for inhibiting said transmission when said number of

10   transmissions becomes equal to the value of said copy protection code.

11. A multimedia communication terminal apparatus, comprising:

a copy protection code manager for managing the number

15   of copies by extracting the copy protection code from said video bitstream when receiving the video bitstream with a copy protection code appended; and

a controller for inhibiting the transmission of said video bitstream through a communication interface when the number of

20   allowed copies becomes 0.

12. A multimedia communication terminal apparatus, comprising:

means for receiving and storing ID code specifying a video bitstream created and stored in a storage of a server;

25   means for creating a destination text; and

means for transmitting said ID and said destination to said server to distribute the video bitstream specified by said ID to said destination by said server.

13. A video distribution server, comprising:

5   means for receiving and storing a video encoded bitstream created and first ID uniquely specifying said video;

means for receiving from a communication terminal a transmission request including the destination and second ID identifying the video, retrieving from the storage a video

10   having first ID matched with second ID, and forwarding the appropriate video to said destination.

14. A video distribution server according to claim 13, further comprising:

said ID including a copy protection code; and

15   a management unit for updating the copy protection code for each time of distribution for inhibiting the transmission of said video when the copy protection code reaches to zero.

15. A video information system, comprising:

a video information generating apparatus having:

20   means for creating a video bitstream in condition that the corresponding fee is paid or will be positively paid soon;

means for adding a copy protection code corresponding to the paid fee to the video bitstream;

first multimedia communication terminal having:

25   a storage device for storing the video bitstream

transferred from said video information generating apparatus;

a memory for storing the copy protection code of said video bitstream transferred from said video information generating apparatus;

5 transmission means for transmitting said video bitstream stored in said storage device to a specified destination; and

controller means for inhibiting the transmission of said video bitstream through a communication interface when the number of allowed copies becomes 0;

10 a distribution server for sending the video bitstream transferred from said first multimedia communication terminal to a second multimedia communication terminal at said specified destination.

16. A video information system, comprising:

15 a video information generating apparatus, having:

means for creating a video bitstream in condition that the appropriate fee is paid or will be positively paid soon;

means for outputting said video bitstream with a copy protection code in correspondence with the fee paid; and

20 means for outputting ID identifying said video;

a video distribution server for receiving and storing said created video bitstream as well as the ID identifying said video bitstream;

a first multimedia communication terminal, having:

25 means for receiving and storing the ID identifying the

video bitstream stored in said server;

means for creating the destination; and

means for transmitting said ID and said destination to

said server for requesting the distribution of said video

5 bitstream; and

said video distribution server further comprising means

for comparing the ID and destination received from said first

multimedia communication terminal with the ID received from said

video information generating apparatus to retrieve a

10 corresponding video bitstream in the storage in order to

distribute the appropriate video bitstream to a second

multimedia communication terminal specified by said

destination.